

General Club News

Note from your Board

A very positive first meeting was held with the new Bowling Committee and we felt it important to outline how the club was formed and how it is required to operate under the Memorandum and Articles of Association and we wish to pass this on to all members.

A. The club was formed as a limited company hence the name Angel (Tonbridge) Indoor Bowls Association Ltd (hereafter called the club). It was registered at Companies House and must abide by company law. At the same time it was registered with HMRC for the appropriate taxation. Annual accounts must be approved at the AGM and filed at Companies House and with the HMRC. It operates under the memorandum and articles of association in this name. A Council of Management (the board) was formed which is the board of directors. The powers of the board are all encompassing and from this the following was created:

B. Committees (BC). Constitution and Rules for the club were set up for the sub-committees with the object of organising bowling activities at the club and to further the game of indoor bowls. Obviously, some committees have merged but the objects remain. Alterations to the Constitution and Rules can only be made at the BC AGM and all resolutions are subject to ratification by the board.

C. Byelaws. The byelaws are approved by Angel (Tonbridge) Indoor Bowls Association Ltd Council of Management (the Board) under the powers conferred upon it and must be signed by the Company Secretary and displayed on the web site and notice boards. The Byelaws can be amended by the board at any time. Any proposals for amendments should be submitted in writing to the Company Secretary of the Angel (Tonbridge) Indoor Bowls Association Ltd for consideration by the board.

The Byelaws, which includes accessible bowling and junior associate members, were produced for the benefit of all members and it is most important that all members should be made aware of the byelaws. No member shall commit the club to any form of expenditure without the prior approval of the board.

Summer Opening – Reminder

Carl and Sam are still on holiday until 11th June.

Restaurant Summer Opening:

Monday – Closed

Friday - 10.15 – 2pm

Tuesday – 10.15 – 2pm

Saturday - 10.15 – 2pm

Wednesday 10.15 – 2pm

Sunday - Closed

Thursday - Closed

CPR & Defibrillator Course

10 members recently attended the CPR & Defibrillator Course. The participants actively engaged with both the theory and practical aspects of the course which was good to see.

We are aware that other members have previously attended this training (either here or elsewhere). If they could inform Bob Bowlby if they are also confident in administering CPR and the use of a Defibrillator, we want to compile a list of members to be displayed adjacent to the Defibrillator.

The course was run by Tonbridge & Tunbridge Wells Community First Responders which is a registered charity. The participants were generous in their donations and the 100 Club donated £50. In the past we have employed the services of a commercial operator at considerable expense.

Bowling News

Summer Dress Code

Thank you to everyone adhering to the Club's dress code. Dress code is documented in the club's Byelaws which can be found on your website...<https://www.angelibc.co.uk/about/club-notice/club-byelaws>

For the regular Club leagues and Club Competitions the code is:

Grey or black trousers, skirts or knee-length style shorts; white based shirt or bowls specific sports shirt, collared blouse or top or club shirt; white or club waistcoat, sweater or cardigan"

For roll ups and the summer singles league the dress code is: to be reasonably attired as you would in the club generally.

For those of us accidentally straying from this dress code please don't be offended when you get a gentle reminder from your team captain or club officer over the next weeks!

Fantastic 5's

We have three Fantastic 5s teams entered this year and the competition is underway. Fantastic 5s is the EIBA's National summer team competition. The first stage being a league format with local clubs. The top teams in each league then enter the knockout stages, which culminates in a National Final (fingers crossed!).

Congratulations to Cool Runnings who won their first match at Sevenoaks 6 - 2. Great start! Also, a decent result for Angel of the South, drawing 4-4 at Bromley.

Good luck to all three teams in your remaining games.

Summer Internal Club Knockout Competitions

Thank you to David Young for organising our summer 'knockout' competitions.

By the time this Newsletter is published the draws will have been made and published. Good luck to all entrants!

Summer External Club Matches

These are also now underway. A great opportunity for our less experienced bowlers to get some exposure to match play and to visit other clubs in our area. Do speak with any of the coaches or Club Captains (Babs Tomlin, Mary, London, Stuart Ingram)

If you are a new bowler, you will get lots of support to join in. Just add your name to the relevant 'signup sheet' for the match you wish to be considered for (sheets are on the club Noticeboard and are put up well ahead of each match). The team selected to play in each match is then chosen and added to the 'signup sheet' a week or two before the game. Selection over the summer will ensure that everyone who wants to, gets a game, and we have a good balance between experienced and newer bowlers.

Our recent friendly match at Whiteoak saw two Angels members playing their first match for the Club. Very well done to you both!

23/24 Bowling Committee AGM

The 23/24 Bowls Committee AGM took place on Tuesday, April 9th, where the officers' reports were read out and new officers and mens Club Team Selectors elected (see below). You can access Minutes of the meeting on your Club Website here: <https://www.angelibc.co.uk/news/updates-from-bowling-committee>

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to serve on the Committee or as Club Team Selectors for the 23 / 24 season. We had a great winter of bowling and are all set for a great summer too. Especial thanks to Christine Spencer who has stepped down as volunteer Club Fixtures Secretary after 7 years. We thank Christine for all the time she has given the club in this, and other volunteering roles, over the last 7 years.

Your 24 / 25 Bowling Committee

Thank you to those volunteering to serve on the Bowling Committee for the forthcoming 24/25 season. The Committee have had their first meeting. You can find minutes from that meeting on the Club Noticeboard and here: <https://www.angelibc.co.uk/news/updates-from-bowling-committee>

Agendas for future meetings will also be posted on this link.

The new Committee is:

Chair: Neil Ramage*

Treasurer: Malcolm Yates*

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Men's Captain: Stuart Ingram*

Fixtures Secretary: Lisa Hounslow

Ladies Captain: Mary London*

Club Secretary: Paul Gent*

Men's Vice Captain: Gary McIlravey

Competitions Secretary: David Young*

Ladies Vice Captain, Summer Captain and Director Representative: Babs Tomlin*

League Secretary: Matthew Sellen*

*Committee voting member

We also have a Junior Ladies Vice Captain this season: Gail Barnes

Many thanks also to Jim Parker, whom the Committee has invited to stand for another year as Club President. Jim has done a 'sterling' job in this role over recent years, and we thank him for all the time he has given attending various club finals, matches and events.

You can find who's who on your website here: <https://www.angelibc.co.uk/about/whos-who/bowling-officers-and-committee>

24 / 25 Club Team Selectors

Thank you to those volunteering to serve as Club Team Selectors for the forthcoming 24/25 season. They are responsible for selecting our various County and National Cup teams (the Kent League teams are selected by the Club Captain(s)).

The elected men's Team Selectors are Stuart Ingram (Club Captain), David Young and Trevor London.

The ladies Team Selectors are Mary London (Club Captain), Babs Tomlin, Gail Barnes and Jackie Clarke.

Bowling Hall Mats

Thank you to Keith Elliment for volunteering to arrange for the cleaning of our bowling hall mats. This is a task requiring some dedication on an occasional basis. If any member feels they can help with mat cleaning, please speak with a Club Steward.

We also need volunteers to help with the occasional hoovering of the bowling hall carpet. Again, if you feel this is something you could contribute to, please speak with a club steward.

24 / 25 Kent League Formats

There will be a format change for both Ladies and Men's leagues next winter season.

Due to less clubs participating in the Men's League, each Club will now play each other 4 times per season - 2 at home and 2 away. The format of the games remains unchanged (6 rinks).

Due to less clubs participating in the Ladies League, each Club will now play additionally a 4-3-2 competition on a regional basis (our region comprising us, Bromley and Royals). The traditional 5 rink matches will continue as before, playing each other twice: 1 at home and 2 away. The 4-3-2 games will be a round robin league comprising two games each of rinks, triples and pairs. The winner of the round robin going onto a final at the end of the season.

Etiquette Corner

As part of a regular Newsletter feature to remind us of club etiquette, we are highlighting this month the etiquette of moving around in the bowling hall.

We all need reminders now and then, whatever our experience!

At its heart we all just need to be self-aware that when entering, leaving or moving around the hall we are not disturbing fellow members trying to bowl. But here are a few specific points to bear in mind.

- Please leave all bowls bags, shoes, coats etc in the changing rooms. Switch mobile phones off or to silent before entering the bowling hall.

- Please do not enter the bowling hall to access lockers, bowls or rinks until the bell sounds (seven minutes before your session start time).
- Before entering the bowling hall, please double check in case fellow members are on the mat and about to bowl on the rinks in front of you (rinks 2 and 5); only enter 'between deliveries'.
- Please especially respect fellow members playing on rink 6 when accessing lockers or the bowls cupboard.
- Once in the bowling hall please be self-aware when moving around between rinks. For instance when getting or returning bowls from your locker or cupboard, or on leaving the bowling hall for the bar. Please be careful not to walk along the end of any rinks where play is still going on and a bowler is standing on the far end's mat preparing to bowl towards you. Wait until they have bowled before crossing their rink. Be especially aware should you need to walk across a rink where a National or County match is underway (you will know this as a 'County' or 'National' sign will be hanging on the far wall).

Summer Friendly Matches

Sign-up sheets for forthcoming matches are posted on the board several weeks in advance. Please sign up as soon as you can. Recently players have been leaving it until the last few days before a match causing Captains a stressful time, not knowing if they will have enough players to put out a team. The captains have to organise their team and liaise with caterers and the opposing team in advance of the match and it's not fair to make this more difficult for them, especially as they are giving their time for free. Twice recently we have come close to cancelling a match only to have sufficient bowlers sign up at the last minute. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated.
From Jim Parker, President

Coaching

Happy to say we are still having enquires from people about taster sessions. At the present time we have five booked in 3 with Matt and two with me. Three more are booked in to start in a couple of weeks. A further two finished their tasters last week and are going to join in with Lyn London's new bowlers on a Thursday 2.30pm. We have three coaching on weekdays. Matt Sellen, Neil Ramage and Les Herbert. In addition we have Lorna Goldup and John Williams doing excellent work with the juniors and families on a Saturday at 5.30pm. So, in total we now have Five qualified fully insured level 1 coaches at the club at this time.
From Les Herbert

Social Angels News

Hello from the Social Angels!

What a night of Bingo that was...82 of you there with a wonderful mix of ages and abilities of playing the game, no names! The final game was worth £150, with each full house, up until then, worth £70. We had everything going on from quacking ducks, fat ladies, knocking on doors and everything in between. We'll do it all again.

Moving on, the next event will be on Sunday 16th June. It's a BBQ to celebrate England's first game in their bid to win the Euros. The game starts at 8pm so the BBQ will be sizzling from 6pm. Names to the bar if you will be attending so that we can plan food purchase. Yes, it is Father's Day, what an easy way to feed the whole family! Anyone with a BBQ who wouldn't mind it being used and can get it to the club, please contact me or Paul Gent. "Stay at the club after you've eaten and watch the match. "

I haven't forgotten about darts; think we need to ease ourselves into the summer competitions and then see how we go in relation to a possible darts league.

Any ideas for future events always greatly appreciated. Please keep supporting us, we can't do it without you!

Best wishes

Jude Knowles
Chair of social committee.

Save the date - Presidents Day Charity Match

Please sign up!!

This will be held on Saturday 15th June at 2pm. Prize for the best Fancy dress (fancy dress is not essential) Open to all bowlers, experienced, new, young, not so young, male, or female. Come along and have a fun afternoon. Proceeds and raffle for Macmillan Cancer support. Raffle prizes welcomed.

I will, sadly, have to cancel this if there are insufficient players signed up by Saturday 8th June.



Angel 100 Club – May Winners each winning £12

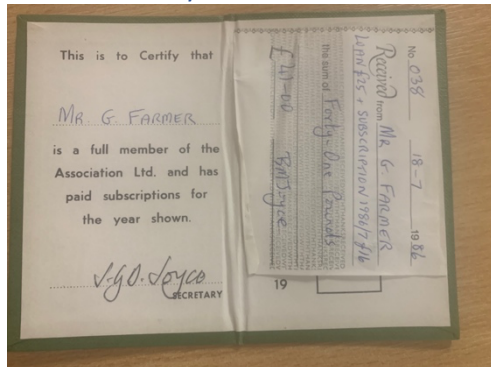
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News from our members

Podcast

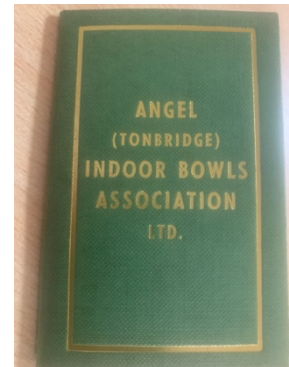
One of our members, Paul Obey, has produced a podcast about his recovery from an acquired brain injury which he sustained as a result of a road traffic collision. His story is inspirational and well worth a listen. You can hear it at - Thinking Ahead, found at thinkingahead.uk

From the History Book



Geoff Farmer has joined the Assisted Bowling session and is visually impaired. He brought in his old membership card from 1986 (see photos below). You'll see he made a £25 loan in addition to the £16 annual membership. Geoff then generously converted his loan into a donation.

From Bob Bowlby



How much was this worth in 1986? According to Google it's £100. Editor